

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

TRACY KING, CHANCE MICKIEL,	)	
JACKLIN MICKIEL, ROBERT	)	
MICKIEL, STEVEN MICKIEL,	)	Case No.: 08 C 7174
NICHOLAS MICKIEL, STACY M.	)	
MICKIEL	)	JUDGE ST. EVE
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE NOLAN
v.	)	
	)	
WASIM M. SAID, Star # 10192, ERIC R.	)	
RUHNKE, Star #13698, TODD E.	)	
WITULSKI, Star # 15592, STEPHEN E.	)	
BOYD, Star #12598, DAVID A.	)	
BROWN, Star 15887, KEVYN L. LOTT,	)	
Star #11296, JAMES D. FRANKLIN,	)	
Star #15170, MARION D. ANDERSON,	)	
Star # 16133, ELVIN H. BOONE, Star	)	
#1964, ERIKA A. RODRIGUEZ, Star #	)	<b><u>JURY DEMANDED</u></b>
11057, CHARLES J. BARANGO, Star #	)	
15937, STEVEN A. GIMENEZ, Star	)	
#17998, KENNETH G. JOHNSON, Star	)	
#14, and The City of Chicago.	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This action arises under the United States Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1871 [42 U.S.C. Section 1983]. This court has jurisdiction under and by virtue of 28 U.S.C. Sections 1343, 1331, 1367.
2. Venue is founded in this judicial court upon 28 U.S.C. Section 1391 as the acts complained of arose in this district.

**PARTIES**

3. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff TRACY KING (hereinafter “T. KING”), was and is now a citizen of the United States.

4. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff CHANCE MICKIEL, (hereinafter “C. MICKIEL”), was and is now a citizen of the United States.

5. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff JACKLIN MICKIEL (hereinafter “J. MICKIEL”), was and is now a citizen of the United States.

6. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff ROBERT MICKIEL (hereinafter “R. MICKIEL”), was and is now a citizen of the United States.

7. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff STEVEN MICKIEL (“S. MICKIEL”), was and is now a citizen of the United States.

8. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff NICHOLAS MICKIEL (“N. MICKIEL”), was and is now a citizen of the United States.

9. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff STACY M. MICKIEL (hereinafter “S. M. MICKIEL”), was and is now a citizen of the United States, and a minor born on July 19, 1994, and her mother and legal guardian, TRACY KING is suing on her behalf.

10. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Wasim M. Said, Star # 10192 (“Said”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

11. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Erik R. Ruhnke, Star # 13698 (“Ruhnke”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law

and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

12. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Todd E. Witulski, Star # 15592 (“Witulski”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

13. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Stephen E. Boyd, Star # 12598 (“Boyd”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

14. At all times herein mentioned, Officer David A. Brown, Star #15887 (“Brown”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

15. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Kevyn L. Lott, Star #11296 (“Lott”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

16. At all times herein mentioned, Officer James D. Franklin, Star #15170 (“Franklin”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

17. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Marion D. Anderson, Star #16133 (“Anderson”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

18. At all times herein mentioned, Sergeant Elvin H. Boone, Star #1964 (“Boone”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

19. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Erika A. Rodriguez, Star #11057, was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in her individual capacity.

20. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Charles J. Barango, Star #15937 (“Barango”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

21. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Steven A. Gimenez, Star #17998 (“Gimenez”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

22. At all times herein mentioned, Officer Kenneth G. Johnson, Star #14 (“Johnson”), was employed by the City of Chicago Police Department and was acting under color of state law

and as the employee, agent, or representative of the City of Chicago Police Department. This officer is being sued in his individual capacity.

23. At all times herein mentioned, the City of Chicago was a political division of the State of Illinois, existing as such under the laws of the State of Illinois. At all relevant times, the City of Chicago maintained, managed, and/or operated the City of Chicago Police Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

24. On or about September 24, 2008, at approximately 9:40pm, the Defendant police officers illegally broke into and raided the house at 6501 S. Vernon in Chicago, Illinois 60637.

25. On that date, the premises at 6501 S. Vernon in Chicago, IL 60637 was owned by Plaintiff T. King, who lived there with Plaintiffs C. Mickiel, J. Mickiel, R. Mickiel, N. Mickiel, S. Mickiel, and S. M. Mickiel and other individuals.

26. The Defendant police officers did not present a search warrant for the house at 6501 S. Vernon, Chicago, IL 60637.

27. The Defendant police officers did not knock on the doors, nor did they allow a reasonable amount of time for the occupants to respond, before breaking in, entering, or attempting to enter the house at 6501 S. Vernon, Chicago, IL 60637.

28. Despite the fact that Plaintiffs made no attempt to leave and did nothing to resist or interfere with the actions of the police, the Defendant police officers pulled their guns and pointed them at plaintiffs' heads, including T. King, who had a heart condition at the time and T. King's son, who was only six-years old, and J. Mickiel's son, who was only four-months old. T. King's six-year old son began to vomit as a result of Defendants' actions. All Plaintiffs were

seized, and Plaintiffs C. Mickiel, R. Mickiel, S. Mickiel, N. Mickiel, J. Mickiel, and S. M. Mickiel were handcuffed.

29. The Defendants searched and tore up the house, leaving the house in total disarray, all without legal cause or justification.

30. Plaintiffs were detained and held under arrest during the wrongful search.

31. There was no legal cause to seize and arrest Plaintiffs.

32. Plaintiffs C. Mickiel, R. Mickiel, S. Mickiel, N. Mickiel, and S. M. Mickiel, who was only fourteen years old at the time, were subjected to unnecessary and unreasonable force.

33. Plaintiffs C. Mickiel, R. Mickiel, S. Mickiel, N. Mickiel, and S. M. Mickiel in no way consented to this conduct.

34. Plaintiffs C. Mickiel, R. Mickiel, S. Mickiel and N. Mickiel were driven to the police station where they were imprisoned. No criminal charges were filed against these Plaintiffs.

35. Plaintiffs T. King, J. Mickiel, and S. M. Mickiel were transported outside their residence along with T. King's six-year old son and J. Mickiel's four-month old son during the Defendants' raid into the residence. During that time these Plaintiffs were not free to leave.

36. By reason of the above-described acts and omissions of Defendants, Plaintiffs sustained injuries including, but not limited to, humiliation and indignities, medical expenses, suffered great physical, mental, and emotional pain and suffering all to him damage in an amount to be ascertained.

37. The aforementioned acts of the Defendants were willful, wanton, malicious, oppressive and done with reckless indifference to and/or callous disregard for Plaintiff's rights and justify the awarding of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount to be ascertained according to proof at the time of trial.

38. By reason of the above-described acts and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff was required to retain an attorney to institute, prosecute, and render legal assistance to him in the within action so that he might vindicate the loss and impairment of his rights. By reason thereof, Plaintiff requests payment by Defendants, and each of them, of a reasonable sum for attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C Section 1988, the Equal Access to Justice Act or any other provision set by law.

## **COUNT I**

### **All Plaintiffs Against All Individual Defendants for Illegal Search Without Warrant and Without Probable Cause**

39. Plaintiffs incorporate and re-allege paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

40. Plaintiffs did not consent to the search of their residence at 6501 S. Vernon in Chicago, Illinois 60637, nor did anyone else with authority to do so.

29. The Individual Defendants had no search warrant, no probable cause, no legal cause, and no legal authority to enter and search the home of Plaintiffs.

30. By the conduct of the Individual Defendants, Plaintiff were deprived of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to them by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and laws enacted thereunder. Therefore, Individual Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

## **COUNT II**

### **All Plaintiffs Against Individual Defendants for Unreasonable Search**

31. Plaintiffs incorporate and re-allege paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

32. By reason of defendants' conduct, plaintiffs were deprived of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to them by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution of the United States and laws enacted thereunder.

33. The arbitrary intrusion by defendants, into the security and privacy of plaintiffs' residence was in violation of plaintiffs' Constitutional Rights and not authorized by law. The defendants violated the plaintiffs' rights in the following manner: (1) the forcible entry and search of the residence of the plaintiffs without a search warrant describing plaintiffs' residence as the premises to be searched was unnecessary, without legal cause, unreasonable and excessive; and (2) causing excessive and unnecessary property damage to the residence of plaintiffs. These acts were in violation of the plaintiffs' Fourth Amendment rights. Therefore, the defendants, and each of them, in their individual capacity are liable to plaintiffs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

### **COUNT III**

#### **All Plaintiffs Against All Individual Defendants for Illegal Entry**

34. Plaintiff hereby incorporates and re-alleges paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

35. The Individual Defendants did not knock on the doors, nor did they allow a reasonable amount of time for the occupants to respond, before entering or attempting to enter 6501 S. Vernon in Chicago, Illinois.

36. By the conduct of the Individual Defendants, Plaintiffs were deprived of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to them by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and laws enacted thereunder. Therefore, Individual Defendants and each of them, is liable to all Plaintiffs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

## COUNT VI

### **T. KING, J. MICKIEL, and S.M. MICKIEL Against All Individual Defendants for False Arrest**

37. Plaintiff hereby incorporates and re-alleges paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

38. The detention and arrest of T. King, J. Mickiel, and S.M. Mickiel at 6501 S. Vernon , Chicago, IL 60637 caused by the Individual Defendants was without probable cause and was unreasonable.

39. By reason of the conduct of the Individual Defendants, Plaintiffs were deprived of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to them by the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and laws enacted thereunder. Therefore, Individual Defendants are liable for arrest under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

## COUNT V

### **Plaintiffs C. MICKIEL, R. MICKIEL, S. MICKIEL, and N. MICKIEL Against All Individual Defendants for False Arrest**

40. Plaintiff hereby incorporates and re-alleges paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

41. The arrest and incarceration of Plaintiffs C. Mickiel, R. Mickiel, S. Mickiel, and N. Mickiel was without probable cause and unreasonable.

42. By reason of the conduct of the Individual Defendants, Plaintiffs were deprived of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to them by the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and laws enacted thereunder. Therefore, the Individual Defendants are liable for arrest under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

## COUNT VI

### **Plaintiffs C. MICKIEL, R. MICKIEL, S. MICKIEL, N. MICKIEL, and S.M. MICKIEL Against Individual Defendants for Excessive Force**

43. Plaintiff hereby incorporates and re-alleges paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

28. The force used by the Individual Defendants was excessive, unnecessary, unreasonable, and without legal cause.

29. By reason of the Individual Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs was deprived of rights, privileges and immunities secured to them by the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and laws enacted thereunder. Therefore the Individual Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs C. Mickiel, R. Mickiel, S. Mickiel, N. Mickiel, and S.M. Mickiel pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

## COUNT VII

### **Plaintiffs Against All Defendants For The State Supplemental Claims of Assault, Battery and Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress**

30. Plaintiff hereby incorporates and re-alleges paragraphs one (1) through thirty-eight (38) hereat as though fully alleged at this place.

31. The Unknown Defendants caused Plaintiffs to be assaulted, battered and subjected to the intentional infliction of emotional distress as alleged above.

32. The City of Chicago is liable as a result of *respondeat superior*.

33. Therefore, all the Unknown Defendants and the City of Chicago are liable under the state supplemental claims as stated above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs Tracy King, Chance Mickiel, Jacklin Mickiel, Robert Mickiel, Steven Mickiel, Nicholas Mickiel, and Stacy Mickiel, by and through their attorneys, Ed Fox & Associates, requests judgment as follows against the Defendants, and each of them on all claims:

1. That Defendants be required to pay Plaintiffs general damages, including emotional distress, in a sum to be ascertained;
2. That Defendants be required to pay Plaintiffs special damages;
3. That Defendants, except the City of Chicago, be required to pay Plaintiffs 'attorney's fees pursuant to Section 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, the Equal Access to Justice Act or any other applicable provision;
4. That Defendants, except the City of Chicago, be required to pay Plaintiffs punitive and exemplary damages in a sum to be ascertained;
5. That Defendants be required to pay Plaintiffs costs of the suit herein incurred; and
6. That Plaintiffs has such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY**

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**NOTICE OF FILING**

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on August 20, 2009, the undersigned filed with the Clerk of this Court, **PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**, service of which is being made upon you.

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Meghan A. Gonnissen, an attorney, under penalty of perjury, and state that on August 20, 2009, service is being made in accordance with the General Order on Electronic Case Filing section XI.